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Soviet Envoy Dies: Constantin Oumansky, Soviet ambassador to Mexico and Latin America, who was killed in a plane crash at Mexico City yesterday, is shown here with his wife, who was also killed, and his daughter Nina. Nina suffered a fatal spine injury when she fell down a stairway in Seattle while the ambassador and his family were en route to Mexico from Vladivostok three years ago.

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LONDON, Friday, Jan. 26 (UP).—Red Army assault troops last night captured the Silesian industrial city of Gleiwitz, laid siege to Breslau and smashed to within four miles of the Polish fortress of Poznan while the Germans said Soviet troops had cut off the entire province of East Prussia from the rest of Germany.

The Nazis said Red Army tanks reached the Baltic coast which would mean that some 200,000 troops in the home province of the Junkers were trapped, at least temporarily.

Giving no confirmation, Moscow's communique announced only that Soviet troops had narrowed the East Prussian escape corridor by capturing Preussische Holland, three miles from the enemy's last railroad and 11 miles southeast of Elbing, whose capture would close the corridor.

Gleiwitz was the largest German city to fall to date in the Red Army's offensive. Simultaneously, Soviet shock troops captured the Polish mining cities of Chrzanow and Jaworzno, 34 and 28 miles to the southeast.

The arms of a giant pincer were closing on the coal and steel production towns of Hindenburg, Beuthen, Katowice, Sosnowiec and Dabrowa, clustered in the rich German-Polish Silesian basin. The Red Army came to within 11 miles of Katowice, key city of the region, by taking Jaworzno.

The Red Army was reported by Berlin to have crossed the Oder River 137 miles southeast of the German capital but the Moscow Radio quoted the Soviet Army newspaper Red Star that "only some 125 odd miles separate the Red Army from Berlin."

Neither of these reports was confirmed by the Soviet High Command's communique which revealed however that Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First White Russian Army had taken Schwerenz, four miles east of Poznan, last great Polish city in German hands and only 136 miles east of Berlin. The closest approach to the German capital previously announced by Moscow was the capture of Murowana Goslin, 10 miles northeast of Poznan and 141 miles away.

SEIZE 1,350 TOWNS

Along the 800-mile front, six Soviet armies yesterday captured more than 1,350 towns and villages—700 of them German—against the most bitter resistance encountered so far in the 14-day-old offensive.

Attempting to halt the Soviet steamroller, the German High Command hurled into the battle its hoarded Luftwaffe reserve.

One half of East Prussia has been conquered by the Red Army and the Soviet were storming the defenses of the capital city of Konigsberg, Moscow dispatches said.

Meanwhile, Breslau, eighth city of Germany with a population of 615,000 persons and the chief industrial city of eastern Germany, was reported under artillery fire from Soviet units which hammered to the southeastern outskirts Wednesday.

Closing in from the east, Marshal Konev's army Thursday captured the rail junction of Oels, 14 miles to the northeast as Berlin reported that the city, evacuated

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Postwar Jobs Are Real Issue, Wallace Tells Senate Hearing

BY ADAM LAPIN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Henry A. Wallace put all his cards on the table today before the Senate Commerce Committee, and declared that the real issue involved in his nomination as Secretary of Commerce was achieving the President's economic bill of rights and his 60,000,000 job program.

Speaking frankly to a hostile committee and a sympathetic audience which crowded the marble-lined Senate Caucus Room, Wallace hit out at the attempts to make the issue his "alleged lack of financial experience" to handle the Commerce Department and the network of government corporations under its aegis.

Wallace said the "question is really one of whether this committee, the Congress and the American public want these enormous financial powers utilized and invested in a free America—in a prosperous America."

While emphasizing the need for curbing monopoly and assuring "economic democracy" to the people, he blasted efforts to make him an enemy of free enterprise.

Wallace said his program is "designed to make American capitalism and private enterprise work in the same great manner in peace as it has worked in war."

Outlining in detail a program for "implementation" of the President's economic bill of rights, Wallace said he would use his powers to achieve these objectives and "respectfully" urged that it strip him of RFC and other lending agencies if it disagreed with his objectives.

The showdown on the crucial issues involved in the controversy over the Wallace nomination will come tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 p. m. when the Commerce Committee meets to act on the George resolution, which would take from the Commerce Department jurisdiction over government lending agencies.

NO CONDITIONS

While making it clear that he was anxious to take his new job without restrictions, Wallace said he would serve as Secretary of Commerce until the end of the war like a "soldier on the battlefield" even if the George resolution is passed.

Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla) was making a desperate effort to block favorable action on the George bill, and was considering making a motion tomorrow to reopen public hearings which were closed today to call additional witnesses.

But there was little doubt that Pepper and his allies were heavily outvoted on the committee, which is dominated by a coalition of Republicans and anti-Roosevelt Democrats.

There were reports that the anti-Roosevelt bloc in the Senate now felt that it could muster 48 to 50 votes, enough to beat the Wallace nomination outright, and that it might not resort to the subterfuge of the George resolution.

It was clear, however, that Jesse Jones, who is being displaced by the President as Secretary of Commerce, will be out of the picture as Federal Loan Administrator even if the George resolution is passed.

Wallace turned over both his duties to Under-Secretary of Commerce Wayne C. Taylor, and Senator Josiah W. Bailey (D-NC) chairman of the Senate Committee, said it was unlikely that Jones would make an effort to keep his job as loan administrator.

Wallace offered the committee an alternative to the George resolution, but there didn't seem much chance that it would be accepted. He emphasized that there should be a closer congressional check on RFC, and offered to submit his specific programs to Congress for approval.

Sharply criticizing Jones' refusal



to have RFC operations inspected by the Budget Bureau and the Comptroller General, Wallace urged a congressional investigation of RFC to find out just what its status is. He indicated that he did not want to take over until he had a clearer picture of RFC activities.

Even Senator Owen Brewster (R-Me) who is strongly opposed to Wallace, chimed in to say that he had been unable even to get a figure on the size of RFC operations.

REPORTS TO JONES

Wallace hit out vigorously at Jones who dismissed his postwar economic proposals as the dream of a "man willing to jeopardize the country's future with untried ideas and idealistic schemes." He quoted Jones' attack on himself, but did not identify the name by source. Then he retorted about people who think like Jones:

"These people think they are the realists. Actually, these are the persons of limited vision and stunted imagination. These people are of the same breed as these 'sound businessmen' who haggled over pennies in the purchase of strategic stockpiles before the war only to leave the materials for the Japanese to use against us."

"These are the people who will fight against enemies waging total war by pinching pennies. These people think the same as those who said the President was dreaming when he declared in 1940 that the American people would produce 50,000 planes in one year. Do these Monday morning quarterbacks have that great faith in the American people, and in their way of life, which is required in order to understand the meaning of America?"

STANDARD OIL QUOTED

Later Wallace stood by the charges he made as chairman of the Board of Economic Warfare that Jones had failed to take proper steps to stockpile rubber and other scarce materials.

Sen. Pepper read into the record testimony by Standard Oil of New Jersey officials that Jones had refused to cooperate with them in building up synthetic rubber production.

Pepper also read figures from an official RFC report which showed that 66.2 percent of its loans were in amounts of more than \$1,000,000 each and seven-tenths of one percent in amounts of less than \$5,000.

Wallace emphasized that full employment was a powerful safeguard against the rise of domestic fascism.

"Fascism thrives on domestic economic insecurity," he said, "as well as on lack of or divided resistance to external aggression. Fascism is not only an enemy from without, it is also potentially an enemy from within."

By LOUIS F. BUDENZ

Hard-pressed to find any good-looking arguments for their anti-Roosevelt fight upon the nomination of Henry Wallace, opponents of that nomination have hit upon the ex-Vice-President's alleged "lack of experience." That is one of the worst contentions they could rake up for their side. For Henry Wallace has had a rich experience which few men have enjoyed in handling large governmental affairs, including finances.

It was none other than the man from Iowa who directed one of the most sweeping agricultural reforms, or series of reforms, this country has ever witnessed. This gigantic undertaking he carried through in such a manner as to maintain the good will and hearty cooperation of

Murray Urges All CIO Unions To Support FDR on Wallace

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Philip Murray today urged all CIO unions, including internationals and local and state bodies, to get moving in support of the President's nomination of Henry A. Wallace as Secretary of Commerce.

Pointing to Wallace's known views favoring full employment after the war, Murray urged that he be confirmed promptly and without stripping from the Department of Commerce its present powers over federal loan agencies.

Murray said that the Wallace appointment was "in the interest of national unity" and should be backed by "all segments of this country," including industry, labor and agriculture.

He urged CIO unions to line up support from employers with whom they have "friendly relations."

The CIO president assailed the opposition to Wallace on the part of "several of the pollyax Democrats in combination with reactionary Republicans."

Wallace Gives Program For Postwar Prosperity

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Henry A. Wallace told the Senate Commerce Committee today how at least 12,000,000 more jobs than before the war can be created by his specific program of implementing the President's economic bill of rights.

Wallace said that a comprehensive program of expanding industry with new plants and new equipment would require \$20,000,000,000 a year.

And he estimated that this program would "give America 5,000,000 more jobs than we had in this work before the war."

Expanded foreign trade, Wallace said, should result in creation of 3,000,000 more jobs.

An expanded housing program to furnish 15,000,000 dwellings, at the rate of 2,000,000 a year would give employment to 4,000,000 workers, he said. This would be 2,000,000 more than before the war.

Wallace also estimated that expansion of Social Security would create 2,000,000 more jobs because of increased purchasing power.

Wallace did not confine himself to these job-making proposals. His entire program was designated to stimulate employment, and he emphasized that his object was to create more jobs than workers rather than the reverse, but the above estimate highlighted his program.

Wallace emphasized that industry should be expanded with private capital, but that the government guarantees the lender against abnormal risks.

He suggested applying the principles of FHA Home-Building Loans in which the government guarantees the loan to industrial expansion.

Wallace proposed public works to supplement private employment, with a floor of 57,000,000 jobs set by the government, at which point it would dip into a reservoir of approved projects.

Efforts to adjust wages upwards after the war and to guarantee an annual wage proposed by Wallace as measures to implement the second in the President's economic bill of rights on earning an adequate wage.

The right of the farmer to sell his products at a rate to assure him a "decent living," Wallace said, should be implemented by a floor on farm prices and a comprehensive crop insurance program as well as a program of new and modernized homes and farm buildings.

Under the rights of businessmen, Wallace specified particularly the importance of encouraging new industries like air transport, television, frequency modulation, plastics and the like.

Wallace urged a Federal Medical Care program which would, however, guarantee personal choice of doctors and hospitals.

U.S. Casualties Total 701,950

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (UPI)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson told his press conference today that American combat casualties in all Army theaters, as compiled through Jan. 14, total 616,951. These break down as: 117,256 killed, 356,813 wounded, 57,432 prisoners of war and 85,450 missing.



A sailor painfully burned aboard a warship in Lingayen Gulf, during the battle that preceded the Luzon landing, is having his blistered back treated by a medical aid man.

See Hart Body Minus Snoopers

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—It doesn't look as if there will be any easy, high-paying jobs at the new Dies committee (now the Hart committee) for the motley crew of stoolies, ex-radicals and hangers-on who did so well under the regime of former Rep. Martin Dies.

At least that is the intention of responsible administration leaders, who indicate they expect the staff of the committee to be confined to one or two persons, probably a clerk and an assistant clerk.

Committee members have already made it plain that there will be no jobs for J. B. Matthews, renegade liberal who was the Dies committee's research director, and Robert Stripling, former House doorkeeper, who served as chief investigator.

Matthews is reported to be looking around for a job with some big corporation, and Stripling has been drafted despite intercession by Rep. Andrew May (D-Ky), chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee.

The question of personnel will probably be one of the issues explored at the first meeting of the committee, which will be held late next week.

The House Appropriations Committee will provide funds for a small skeleton staff. Any larger appropriations will have to come from the Accounts Committee headed by Rep. John Cochrane (D-Mo), who has made it plain he opposes special appropriations for investigators, etc., for the new committee.

Big Jobs Are Nothing New for Wallace

By LOUIS F. BUDENZ

both conservative and progressive farmers. In his seven years as Secretary of Agriculture, Wallace inaugurated, under authority of Congress, more large public corporations and other similar enterprises in that field than any three of four of his predecessors.

That was but the beginning of the Wallace achievements. Later he was called on to inaugurate and supervise the Rural Electrification Administration, the Surplus Marketing Administration and the Northeastern Timber Salvage Administration.

Looming up large among such large-scale enterprises was the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. So well were the county associations planned by this arrangement under Wallace's direction that within three years (in 1940) 6,000,000 agricultural

producers whose land represented 82 per cent of the total cropland of the nation, participated in the AAA program.

In his introduction to Wallace's recently published speeches, Russell Lord has well said:

"As Secretary of Agriculture he (Wallace) wielded an enormous emergency power. The pressure at his door and heart and mind were at times terrific... He was rather an awesome man to work for at times, but always perfectly natural, friendly and charming, not the least self righteous."

It was this exceptional record in administration which caused President Roosevelt to insist upon Wallace as his third-term running mate. The Vice-presidential nomination which took place in the early hours

of July 19, 1940, was a tribute to the Wallace executive abilities in one of the toughest jobs of FDR's first two terms. It is that record which causes the Republican paper, the Des Moines Tribune, to laud Wallace's administrative abilities and place them much higher than those of Jesse Jones.

If business tests are to be applied, Wallace has also had considerable private experience in the conduct of Wallace's Farmer, noted agricultural magazine, and the Pioneer Hybrid Corn Co. The latter concern, his own creation, is now doing a business of \$4,000,000 per year.

Through his experience, Wallace is eminently fitted for the Secretaryship of Commerce and the direction of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Clark Field Taken By Yanks in Luzon

GEN. MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Friday, Jan. 26 (UP).—Maj. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold's 145th Corps Forces have captured Clark Field and Fort Stotsenburg and advanced southward along Highway Three to within 43 miles of Manila, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

Advancing more than five miles from Mabalacat, American patrols passed through the Clark Field airdrome network, and drove into the Angeles, 43 miles from the capital. In the hills west of Clark Field and Fort Stotsenburg, other patrols were clearing out scattered enemy resistance.

Nine miles east of Mabalacat, patrols entered Magalang, west of Mt. Arayat, from which Japanese guns have been firing at the advancing Americans.

Along the west coast, troops driving slowly southward have advanced seven miles below Infanta and reached San Cruz, below Dasol bay.

Progress also was reported along the American left flank, where the Japanese are in the hills below Baguio, Philippines' summer capital.

The enemy resistance has been "crushed" in the area of Amlan, 3½ miles west of Rosario near the shores of Lingayen Gulf, MacArthur said, and the steady hammering of American artillery has neutralized the Japanese guns.

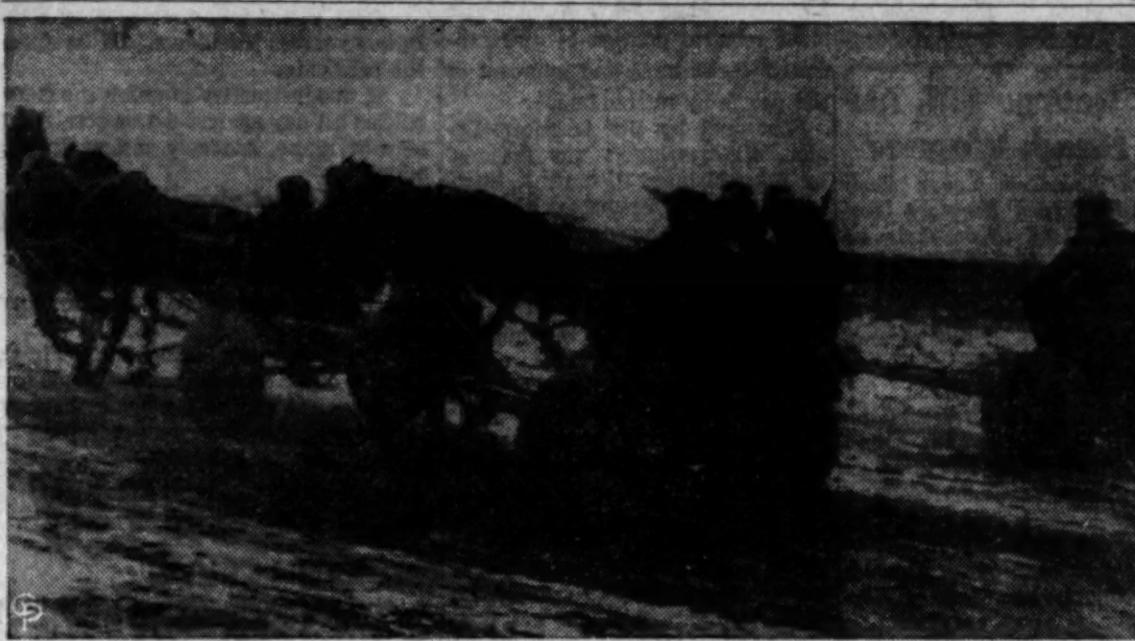
Other American forces on this flank have driven well into San Manuel, 16 miles southeast of Rosario.

Mercury Rising After Record Low

The weatherman says it won't be so cold today, meaning that the temperature will rise to all of 25 degrees at the most. This news may come as relief to those who've been getting up at the zero hour these past two mornings.

Yesterday's zero mark at 8:45 a.m. broke all Jan. 25 records in the history of the New York Weather Bureau. It also jammed up and delayed the subways, ferries and eastern seaboard trains.

Today's forecast is—increasing cloudiness and gentle to moderate winds. The weatherman didn't say so, but these winds come straight from the Arctic.



Red Army artillerymen are pushing a horse-drawn field gun to positions closer to Germany, in support of the advancing Soviet offensive. Mobility of these vehicles over the snow-covered roads has helped in smashing the Nazi defenses.

Oumansky Killed in Mexico Plane Crash

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 25 (UP).—A Mexican army plane exploded in the air today, killing Constantin Oumansky, Soviet ambassador to Mexico and Latin America, former ambassador to the United States.

Mrs. Oumansky, three members of his official party, and the plane's crew of three also were killed. Two men, both attaches of Oumansky's embassy, survived.

The cause of the tragedy was not known. The wreckage was closely guarded and only officials were permitted to approach.

Oumansky, with his wife and an official party of five, was being flown by the Mexican army to San Jose, Costa Rica, where he was to present his credentials as ambassador. The plane took off at 5:40 a.m. and a few minutes later, after it had gained an altitude of several

hundred feet, watchers on the ground saw it explode.

TWO SURVIVORS

Fragments were scattered over an area of some 200 square yards. The fuselage burst into flames when it smashed into the ground. Airfield attendants extinguished the fire and extracted the two survivors, who were taken to a hospital where their injuries were said to be so serious they could not be interviewed.

The dead in addition to the Oumanskys were Lev Troitsky, first secretary to the embassy, Lt. Col. Sergei Lazkrev of the Red Army, military attaché, and Yuri Veovin, Oumansky's private secretary.

Affable, a linguist, Oumansky was well liked here.

Oumansky came to Mexico City as ambassador in 1941 after he had been replaced in Washington by Maxim Litvinov soon after the United States became an ally of the Soviet Union in the war against fascism. While en route to his assignment, his daughter fell down a stairway and was fatally injured.

Oumansky was born in 1902 in Nikolaev, in the Ukraine, and was a Moscow student at the time of the revolution. After working for Soviet newspapers and news agencies, he became director general of the Tass agency in 1931. In 1933, he was a member of the Soviet diplomatic party that went to Washington to negotiate for United States recognition. He was named ambassador in 1936, succeeding Litvinov.

His task here was to obtain diplomatic recognition of his country in Catholic Latin America. He obtained recognition from Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Uruguay, and only last month from Chile and Nicaragua.

Some 26 union leaders attended the conference, including Frank Jordan, president of UAW Local 998, Chicago, Ernest Demaio, president of the UE's Chicago District, Al Glenn, of UAW, international representative, Chicago; William Hartman, United Steelworkers, representative, Minneapolis; Albert Towers, president, Chicago Industrial Union Council, and Robert Wishart, UE's district secretary-treasurer, Minneapolis.

CIO Officials Present Wage Data in Parley With Sen. Lucas

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—A new tactic to help bring about a change in the nation's wage structure, and to solve the manpower problem by voluntary methods was initiated today when three CIO unions held a conference with Sen. Scott Lucas (D-Ill.) and the Chicago delegation in the House.

Legislative Reps. Robert Lamb of the United Steel Workers, Irving Richter of the United Auto Workers and Clifford McAvoy of the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers led the discussion for the unions, with local union presidents from Chicago and Minneapolis taking up specific points.

McAvoy, who presided over the session in the Senate Office Building, said additional regional meetings would be called immediately, and that these would include a Southern conference with emphasis on the textile situation and sub-standard wages.

At the conference today, McAvoy first took up the National Service bill (HR 1725) which is the revised May bill, and said, "We feel there is no need for compulsory legislation now of the type of the May bill with penalties." He declared, "We know

where the manpower is and the trouble is improper utilization and hoarding of workers."

With Lamb and Richter assenting, McAvoy underscored CIO President Philip Murray's call for a national conference of labor, industry, agricultural and government leaders to investigate the manpower problem.

On the question of wages, the labor representatives presented a documented summary of living costs in the Chicago area and asked the Congressmen and Sen. Lucas to write to President Roosevelt and Economic Stabilization Director Fred Vinson requesting them to change the basic wage structure in the face of evidence presented by labor.

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Nazis Drive 2 Mi. Into 7th Army Alsace Line

PARIS, Jan. 25 (UP).—The German Wehrmacht, opening a new drive on a 20-mile Alsatian front, punched two miles into the U.S. Seventh Army line today and put a pincer on Haguenau. Reinforced by crack SS armored and para-

chutist divisions, German forces crossed the Moder River four miles west of Haguenau and cut one of the city's two connections to the Saverne Gap. Other Germans driving around

BULLETIN

PARIS, Jan. 25 (UP).—The Ninth Tactical Air Force, resuming intensive bombardment of German columns withdrawing eastward, destroyed 679 vehicles today and damaged 515 others.

The planes also destroyed 52 tanks or other armored machines and damaged 58.

east of the city also were trying to cross the Moder but had been smashed in the first attempt.

Lt. Gen. Breton B. Somervell, chief of the U.S. Services of Supply, revealed that despite needs for vastly increased production, enough material is now on hand to launch a major western front offensive. Throughout authoritative quarters ran a feeling that the present limited operations would swell soon into a full-scaled drive synchronized with the Soviet explosion in the east.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army drove across the "sky-line highway" at the base of the punctured Ardennes bulge between Diekirch and St. Vith.

British Second Army forces opened an assault against the Roermond bridgehead in southeastern Holland from the north side and captured Weerd just one mile from Roermond. These forces stood only three miles from Field Marshal Sir B. L. Montgomery's main assault forces two miles from Roermond on the south side.

Peter Sways Yet In Indecision

LONDON, Jan. 25 (UP).—King Peter of Yugoslavia appeared tonight to be backing down on his demand that Premier Ivan Subasitch's cabinet resign.

Subasich saw Peter tonight, and also conferred today with Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Richard C. Patterson Jr., American Ambassador to Yugoslavia. He had two meetings with his cabinet, and planned to make a further statement to his cabinet tomorrow.

It was understood that Peter was willing to withdraw the resignation demand if the Subasich government is broadened to include certain of the King's royalist advisors. There was no indication that Subasich is willing to agree.

Churchill Warns Nazis on Gas

LONDON, Jan. 25 (UP).—Prime Minister Winston Churchill today warned the Germans that they will be subjected to ten-fold retaliation if they should attempt to use poison gas against the Allies as a form of last-ditch resistance.

765 Lost When Ship Sank, Says Stimson

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (UP).—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced today that 765 soldiers were lost recently when a troop ship carrying 2,200 U.S. Army men was sunk in European waters by enemy action.

He told a press conference that 248 men were listed as killed, 517 missing and 1,400 rescued in one of the worst disasters of its kind during the war.

Garment Area Indignant Over Attack on Wallace

By DOROTHY LOEB

Garment Workers are indignant over Senate attempts to block President Roosevelt's appointment of Henry Wallace as Secretary of Commerce. Here are few typical comments gathered in the needle trades market during lunch hour yesterday:

Walter Eisenbach, cutter, 200 Bronx Park, E.—"The same gang that's been opposing everything President Roosevelt tried to do is busy again. The people want Wallace because he's the champion of the common man."

Sarah Cohen, operator, E. Tremont Ave.—"It's like the election campaign all over again. The people reelected the President and the administration that goes with him. Now the reactionaries want to fight it over. To me, Wallace is a very important part of the administration. That talk about his not having experience doesn't make sense. He's held important jobs before, and the people have confidence in him."

Bernice Singer, operator, Jamaica, L. I.—"The newspapers make it seem like a fight between Jesse Jones and Henry Wallace. If that's what it is I'm for Wallace. I was hoping he'd be reelected Vice-President. Now the President appointed him and I think the appointment should be approved without all this trouble."

Joseph Freedman, presser, Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn—"As far as I'm concerned, I'm 100 percent for Wallace. He's a liberal and a progressive, and the President should be congratulated on the appointment. You'd expect the fight against him after what happened in the election campaign, but business will be satisfied after they see him in the job."

Frank Pecora, cloakmaker, Corona, L. I.—"The people know Wallace and like him. If they were to put it to a vote, he'd surely win. The President needs a team that will work together. He has a right to make his appointments and it's up to Congress to see that they're approved."

Mrs. Helen Shapiro, operator, Vyse Ave., Bronx—"My husband and I were talking about this only last night. Right now, when the President needs all the cooperation in the world to speed up finishing off Hitler, Congress keeps right on with old squabbles. From what we read

Fight George Bill, ALP Asks Mead, Wagner

The American Labor Party yesterday urged Senators Wagner and Mead to do their utmost to secure immediate confirmation of Henry Wallace as Secretary of Commerce and to defeat the George bill separating finance agencies from the Commerce Department.

The wire to the two Senators, signed by Hyman Blumberg, state ALP secretary, said that a "Henry Wallace, as Secretary of Commerce, will greatly aid in solving our postwar problems in the achievement of an expanding economy and full employment."

about Jesse Jones in the past, we think Wallace would be a good change. We think Wallace would be good in any post."

Morris Bernstein, cutter, Brighton Beach—"Naturally I want to see Wallace appointed. I'm sure he would do a good job. It's nothing against a man being Secretary of Commerce that he's all for the common man. On the contrary, I think it's all in his favor and the people should back up the President and see that the appointment goes through."

Canada Catholic Bishop Attacks 'Communism'

QUEBEC, Jan. 25 (UP).—The Roman Catholic hierarchy in Canada today denounced "materialistic and atheistic Communism," charged it with seeking "international dictatorship," and appealed to the Allied nations "not to abandon heroic Poland to her fate."

"The courageous part which the Russian people have played in turning away from the world the frightful Nazi domination must not blind us regarding the world revolution which the leaders of international communism always seek," a public statement issued by the Bishop of the Catholic Church in Canada said. The statement followed the meeting of the national board of the Canadian hierarchy here Jan. 17.

Vote Again in Albany on Vet Priority Bill

Special to the Daily Worker

ALBANY, Jan. 25.—A constitutional amendment to give veterans absolute preference in civil service appointments and promotions was reinforced into the State Legislature today after having passed the Legislature last year. An amendment requires passage by two successive legislatures and approval of the people by referendum.

Sponsored by the American Legion, the resolution was fathered by Assemblyman Richard J. Sherman, Saratoga Republican, and Sen. John Downey, Queens Democrat. It would require that disabled veterans be appointed or promoted first regardless of position on the list, and that non-disabled veterans get second absolute preference.

The measure is bitterly opposed by the Civil Service Reform Association and by several other civic service organizations. A sharp fight is expected.

Sen. Seymour Halpern, Queens Republican, introduced a measure which would prohibit occupation of any room in an old tenement for living purposes that did not have a window opening on a street or yard. The measure would take effect after Jan. 1, 1949.

Sen. Thomas C. Desmond, Newburgh Republican who heads the Joint Legislative Committee on Nutrition, proposed in a measure today that all flour and bread sold in the state be enriched by the addition of certain vitamins. The federal program, he said, applies only to bread and is temporary.

13 Groups Hail Clothing Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (UP).—

Thirteen consumer groups today praised plans of the War Production Board and Office of Price Administration to increase stocks of low-cost clothing, saying the program "should go a long way" toward meeting the clothing crisis.

In a letter to WPB chairman J. A. Krug and OPA chief Chester Bowles the groups said they had been urging for months that textiles available for civilians be allocated to essential clothing.

The signers of the letter include the American Association of University Women, Consumers Union, CIO, AFL and Railway Union Women's Auxiliaries, the Farmers Union and the National Women's Trade Union League.

An Editorial

Dewey's Manipulations

THE uproar over commercial rents in Albany has exposed to the public some of the vicious features of the Dewey Administration.

In the first place, the crisis caused by widespread commercial rent profiteering must be laid directly at the Governor's door. Attempts in the Legislature to impose rent ceilings last year were scuttled in the interests of Dewey's presidential ambitions, and the Governor turned down all appeals for a special session during the fall, when the situation was reaching the emergency stage.

Second, the bill produced by the GOP legislative leaders was a fraud. Not only did it permit rents 25 percent above March of 1943, when considerable increases had already taken place, but it left loopholes for even further increases and made no provision for enforcement or penalties. Stores and office buildings were omitted altogether.

Only at the last minute, when a scandal that might have wrecked Dewey's career threatened, did he agree to cut ceilings to 15 percent of the base date.

It was instructive to watch the GOP legislative leaders, after having battled all day against a Democratic effort to reduce ceilings to the 15 percent figure, suddenly reverse themselves when Dewey cracked the whip.

The issue of commercial rent profiteering is not simply one affecting landlords and commercial tenants. Ceiling prices generally are threatened when manufacturers have to pay double or treble rents. War contractors facing huge increases were forced to disrupt their work to look for space elsewhere. Some firms had to move out of the city altogether.

The Governor's manipulations in the face of this situation are indicative of his contemptuous attitude toward necessary war controls and his solicitude for his big money backers.

U. S. Envoy to Urge Swiss Boycott Nazis

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (UP).—The State Department announced today that Lauchlin Currie, administrative assistant to the President, will go to Switzerland soon to try to cut off shipment of war supplies from that country to Germany.

Economic relations with Switzerland have been under review since early this month when the Foreign Economic Administration recommended that the United States "crack down" hard on Germany's last neutral source of supplies.

Currie recently returned to his White House administrative assignment after serving as deputy administrator of FEA. He will represent both the State Department and the FEA in Switzerland.

"As the secretary stated on Jan. 3, we have had under consideration and study our economic relations with Switzerland," the State Department said.

"New negotiations with regard to this problem are about to be undertaken. The President has agreed to the designation of Mr. Lauchlin Currie to conduct these negotiations on behalf of the United States and he will shortly leave for Switzerland."

"Our efforts to shorten the war render it important that these negotiations be undertaken without delay."

Bazooka Sight

Army Ordnance has developed a new optical gunsight to perfect the aim of the rocket-firing bazooka.

Urges School Nursery Space

Councilman Michael J. Quill yesterday called upon the Board of Education to provide space in the city schools for nursery projects.

In a letter to Mary Dillon, president of the board, and Dr. John E. Wade, school superintendent, Quill pointed out the lack of nursery facilities for the children of servicemen and working mothers.

"The great resources of our city have been caring for less than 4,000 children of working mothers," Quill stated, "and in the Bronx about 500 children are registered in nursery schools supported by public funds."

He called attention to the fact that the Mayor's Committee for the Wartime Care of Children has sufficient funds to open more nurseries, but that the bottleneck is space.

If some form of national service legislation is passed, he said, thousands of women with small children may be requested to work. Every city official must make certain that these children will be cared for, he declared.

Man in the Street (Even Wall St.) Wants Wallace

By HARRY RAYMOND

When my city editor interrupted my favorite indoor sport of reading the City Record and suggested I depart from the warm confines of City Hall press room to poll Wall St. opinion on the current Henry Wallace-Jesse Jones controversy, colleagues offered me their sympathy.

"It's a cold day out," said one of the scribes, "and you can expect a chilly reception in Wall St. You can also expect the temperature to drop a few more degrees when you mention the name of Henry Wallace. So bundle up good."

Another reporter told me how Thomas Fortune Ryan, Wall St. big shot, telephoned his city desk in a rage and demanded the editors do something to keep Wallace from getting the post of Secretary of Commerce.

But the mission turned out not half as bad as the City Hall editorial corps predicted.

17 OF 29 FOR WALLACE

Seventeen out of 29 average men

and women questioned within an hour and a half in the Wall St. area said they supported President Roosevelt's nomination of the former Vice-President as Secretary of Commerce. Only nine of those questioned thought Jesse Jones should not have been removed. Three pleaded neutrality.

William Rather, office manager, who lives in Queens, was cornered in the lobby of the big office tower at 60 Pine St.

"So far as I'm concerned it's Wallace for me," he said. "He was a good Vice-President. There is no reason why he can't be a good Secretary of Commerce."

Others questioned at 60 Pine St. were:

Louis Paul: "I don't want that Communist Wallace."

Harry Julian, brokerage, Manhattan: "Let's go along with Roosevelt and get on with winning the war. Why all the argument? Wallace is OK with me."

E. J. Ward, trading company, were:

"A GOOD IDEA"

And over in the Atlantic Building, on Williams St., around the corner from the Wall St. Ex-

change, Edward Cohen, insurance, declared: "Wallace is the man we need. But what can I do about it?" When told a lot of people were writing their congressmen about it, he said he thought "that's a good idea."

Howard Bissel, exports, from Queens, said: "Put Wallace in agriculture. Leave Jones where he is."

Arnold Grange, mining engineer, was questioned as he came out of the Continental Bank Building, 30 Broad St. He said: "Let's give Wallace a chance and cut out thephony politics. I think we should trust Roosevelt in this. He has done pretty good on every thing else so far."

Of five others interviewed at 30 Broad, three favored Jones and two Wallace, but declined to give their names for quotation.

Down in the Margus Restaurant, on New St., between Wall St. and Exchange Place, where Wall St. employees drop in to get a snack and a nip after work, four out of six quizzed were for Wallace.

We put the question to five persons as they were pumped out of the Irving Trust Co. Building, 80 Broadway, by fast moving elevators. Here's the way they put it as they dashed to catch the next subway downstairs:

A. G. Keller, food products, Bronx: "Jones was all right in his time. But he's behind events now. Wallace has the forward-looking position we need now to get ahead."

Mary Scudder, secretary, and W. E. Pierce, credit agency employee, both declared for Henry Wallace.

Back at City Hall, Murray Stand, deputy city clerk, who runs the Marriage License Bureau, said: "Why, Wallace, of course."

Sid Waters, radio producer, who was in City Hall with City Council Vice-chairman Joseph T. Sharkey, added this comment: "I want to see Wallace Secretary of Commerce because he is a man with the liberal outlook on commerce and employment so necessary for the difficult years that lie ahead."

Labor Leaders Urge Senate Confirm Wallace Nomination

Leading trade unionists of all affiliations, CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods, are on the bandwagon for Senate confirmation of Henry A. Wallace as Secretary of Commerce.

Leaders of four important locals of the AFL Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance put their stand plainly yesterday. They said:

David Siegel, president of the Joint Executive Board and president of Local 16: "I consider Wallace a liberal and a progressive. I would like to see him appointed and I hope that the Senate will approve him in the post."

Sam Spitzer, president, Waiters and Waitresses, Local 1: "My preferences go every time to Henry Wallace on the basis of his record. I would like to see the Senate approve the appointment. Anything else would be a slap in the face to President Roosevelt. He made the nomination and his nomination should be upheld."

Larry Robertis, general organizer, Chain Service Restaurant Employees, Local 42: "Our executive board went on record Monday unanimously in support of the full program of President Roosevelt, including his appointments to the State Department, national service, and of course his appointment of Wallace. We give Wallace our wholehearted support and feel that it would be a great mistake if Congress did override the President's nomination."

John Rey, secretary, Cooks, Pastry Cooks and Assistants, Local 89: "We are in favor of the appointment of Henry Wallace as Secretary of Commerce and our union sent telegrams to the Senate Committee weighing

V. O. Gardner, president of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers; Roy Horn, president of the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Arnold S. Zander, president of the AFL Brotherhood of State, County & Municipal Workers.

Volz, who heads the union from which Matthew Woll, reactionary AFL vice-president, hails, was quoted by PM as saying he was delighted with the Wallace appointment. "I think Mr. Wallace is capable of filling any job in Washington or elsewhere and I naturally hope that the Senate will confirm him," he was reported to have said.

Confirmation of Wallace's appointment as Secretary of Commerce and RFC head was urged by a membership meeting Wednesday night of the New York local, American Newspaper Guild.

Rose Russel, legislative director of the New York Teachers Union, wired the Senate Commerce Committee that thousands of teachers were disturbed over the attempt to separate administration of the RFC from the Department of Commerce.

"We are convinced that these two functions must remain under single jurisdiction and are confident that the former vice-president, Henry A. Wallace, has the ability and integrity to perform the duties of the post to which the President has appointed him. The recent election indicated that the people trust the judgement of the President and look to Congress to support his program in the interest of the entire nation."

Other labor leaders who urged Senate confirmation of Wallace include:

R. J. Thomas, president of the CIO United Auto Workers; Edward J. Volz, president of the AFL Photo Engravers; Edward J. Brown, president of the AFL International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers;

Union Lookout

- In Memory of a Heroine
- Harvey Gets a Union Card

by Dorothy Loeb



A gift of \$300 has been contributed to the New York Public Library by the CIO State, County and Municipal Workers for the purchase of books in memory of Miss Eleanor Liss, a union member who died overseas in service with the American Red Cross. The gift was accepted for the library by Miss Esther Johnston, acting chief of the circulation department, who said the books would be placed on exhibition in various branches, two months at a time. At the opening exhibit Wednesday at the 138th St. Branch, Abram Flaxer, SCMWA president, and Miss V. Charlotte Authier of the city Department of Welfare were speakers. Miss Liss was connected with the Welfare Department before she went overseas for the Red Cross. Books chosen for the collection were picked to show the contributions of many nationalities and races to American life.

David Davis, business agent of Local 155 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers in Philadelphia, has just been reelected to his 11th consecutive term. W. Kuenstle, who ran against him, drew one vote. . . . Harvey, the imaginary six and a half foot white rabbit that plays a major role in Broadway's smash hit, named Harvey, of course, has been made an honorary member of Actors' Equity. It happened at a dinner for the cast given by Equity. . . . The first book to be issued by the newly-formed book club of the CIO United Auto Workers is Albert Maltz's *The Cross and the Arrow*.

The Jefferson School will run a one-week morning course covering the chief problems facing labor, Feb. 5 through 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Instructors will include Marcel Scherer of the staff of UE District 4; Joseph Levy, international vice-president of the United Office and Professional Workers; Gertrude Lane, general organizer of Hotel and Club Employees Local 6, and Doxey Wilkerson, executive editor of the People's Voice and Daily Worker columnist. Fee is \$5. Registration is now open.

Frank W. McCulloch of Evanston, Ill., a holder of common stock in Montgomery Ward & Co., has petitioned for court help in removing board chairman S. L. Avery and 12 other directors from office. They're accused of gross mismanagement of the firm and wasting huge sums "in an illegal, disloyal and unpatriotic attempt to interfere with the war effort." The petition asks the U.S. District Court to order an accounting and restitution of funds wasted and an injunction against further wasting until a court-supervised stockholders' meeting elects new directors. . . . A 62-page handbook on federal labor laws has just been issued by the U.S. Labor Department. It's called *The Guide to Labor Legislation for Supervisors and Shop Stewards*. Cost is 25 cents. Get it from Director V. A. Zimmer, Division of Labor Standards, U.S. Labor Department, Washington, D. C.

The Australian Council of Trade Unions turned thumbs down on a suggestion from Customs Minister Richard Keane that John L. Lewis be invited to visit Australia. Percy Clarey, ACTU president, said an emergency committee disapproved. . . . Hollywood sound technicians are demanding an accounting of about \$2,000,000 which they say was collected through a union assessment by William Blooff and George Browne, officials convicted in connection with a million dollar shake-down of the movie industry. The technicians are part of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) which Browne and Blooff headed before they went to jail. . . . Helen Kay has resigned her post as editor of the national organ of State, County and Municipal Workers.

Wright Aero Local in Cincinnati Backs Pledge

CINCINNATI, Jan. 25. — Wright Aeronautical Local 647 of the CIO United Auto Workers, one of the largest in the international, voted almost unanimously this week to work for reaffirmation of the no-strike pledge in the UAW referendum.

Only four dissenting votes were cast at a general membership meeting when the membership ratified a resolution which declared that "the day of complete victory and of lasting peace can be brought much nearer, precious lives can be saved if we again, at this critical moment, stand united, reaffirming the no-strike pledge."

The membership pledged to "dedicate itself" to obtaining an overwhelming majority in favor of retaining the pledge, and directed its officers and editor to wage a campaign in support of the pledge.

78 Nominated Brigadier Generals

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (UP). — The White House today sent to the Senate the nominations of 78 Army colonels to be brigadier generals, including President Roosevelt's second son, Elliott. Three major generals were nominated to be temporary lieutenant generals — William H. Simpson, now commanding the U. S. Ninth Army in Europe (he previously held the rank by virtue of his command); Leonard T. Gerow, commander of the Fifth Army Corps in Europe, and Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander of U. S. forces in China and chief of staff to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

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They Want to Belittle FDR

ARRGANCE could scarcely be more blatant than that exhibited by Jesse Jones before the Senate Commerce Committee Wednesday. What he said there in opposition to Henry Wallace completely disproved Jones' own indispensability. And yet, he persisted in saying that only he has the qualifications to be both Secretary of Commerce and Federal Loan Administrator.

Amazingly, Jones said when pressed by Sen. Pepper as to whether any man could hold both posts: "I do not believe there is another fellow in the world who will do it except me." This is a fantastic, egotistic, undemocratic conception. It should not, and we are sure, will not stand up for one minute with the American people.

The Superman claims of Jones and his anti-Roosevelt allies would be ridiculously amusing were they not so tragic. Consider what harm these people are up to at this present crucial moment. Here we are in the midst of the big offensive designed to crush Hitlerite Germany and to smash Japan. The President is preparing to attend the Big Three conference, where matters affecting many generations to come will be considered. In the election the people decided the course that should be pursued in all these matters, both domestically and internationally.

At such a time, the men and groups who oppose the President's nomination of Wallace are exerting themselves to annul the people's will as expressed on Nov. 7. They are seeking in effect to show the world that Mr. Roosevelt cannot do what he wants toward carrying out that mandate. If the President can't even fill his Cabinet with the personnel he desires, what confidence can the people of the world have in his commitments on larger matters? That is the fatal atmosphere which the anti-Roosevelt crowd are creating in their fight on Wallace.

Those opposing FDR in the Wallace case are therefore doing more than injuring the work for postwar security, although they are surely doing that. They are likewise harming our nation's place in the world. They are striving to belittle the Roosevelt who pulled business, big and little, out of the depression crisis and who stands for prosperity in the postwar world. It is the people's job to defeat these anti-Roosevelt cliques and their George bill and to see that Wallace is confirmed.

Open Shoppers Lose Round

AFTER hearing secret session testimony from the military and civilian heads of our armed forces, the House Military Affairs Committee knocked the open-shop amendment out of the May-Bailey bill and approved the measure.

It is apparent that the members of the House were moved to that step by what they heard. This ought to be reassuring to the country, because it is evident that our government and military leaders want national service for the war effort and have banned use of such a measure for anti-labor purposes.

Undoubtedly, the Rankins and their equally vicious Republican colleagues will not give up. Preparations to bring up an open-shop amendment on the House floor are already indicated. But in view of the committee's action, such an effort can be defeated.

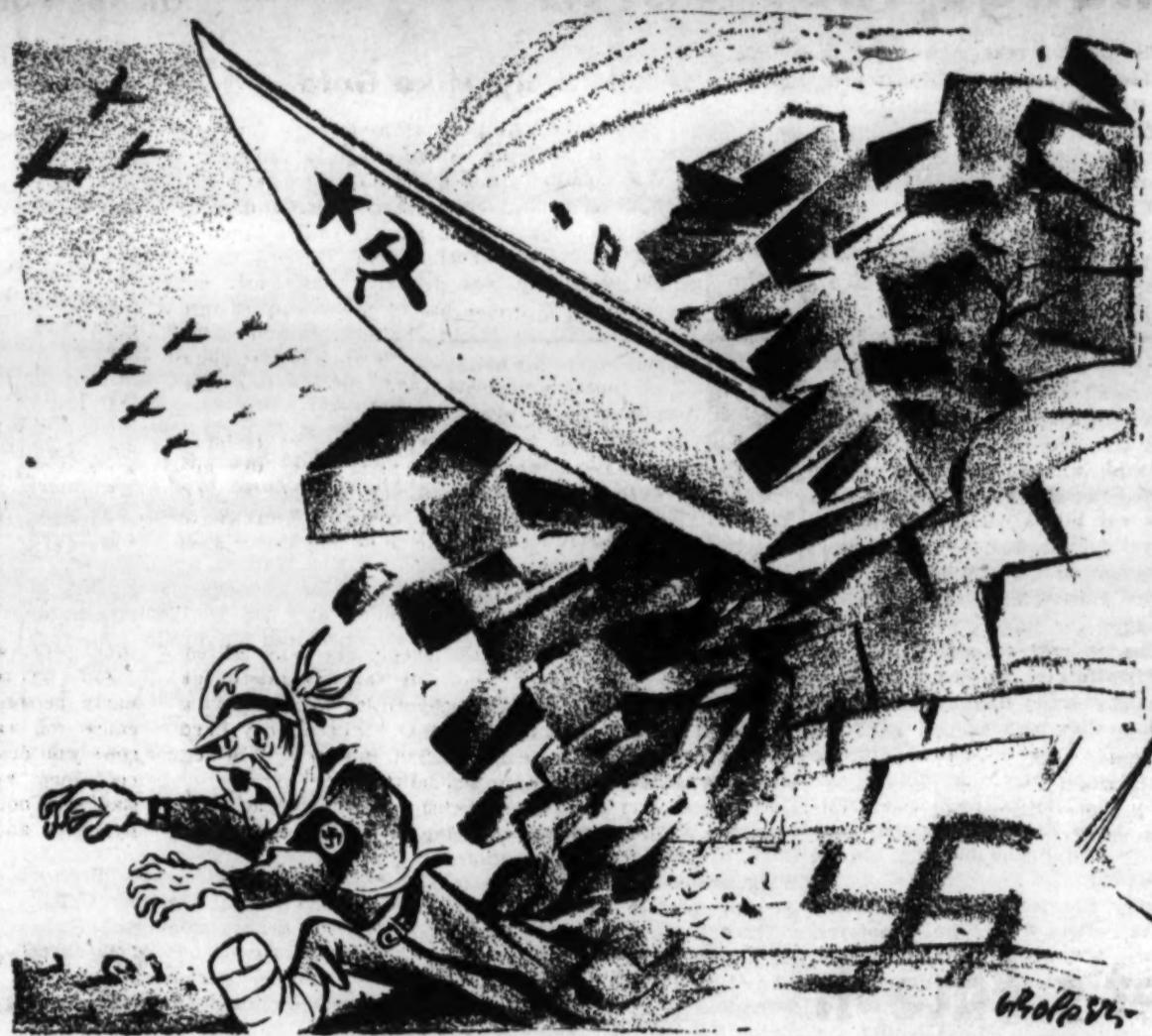
The measure as it now stands is not a full national service bill. Only those subject to military service, aged 18 to 45, are affected. It gives them the alternative of accepting essential work and freezes those on essential jobs for the duration, just as those in the armed services are frozen to their task for the duration.

Beneath the fear of the May bill expressed in the unions is the concern for the future. A worker, although frozen to a job, is not guaranteed against layoff, nor is he offered something more adequate than the present jobless pay rates during the transition. This is why so many have been shifting to what they believe holds better peacetime prospects.

A provision that would guarantee the worker a job for the duration without reduction in pay would go a long way to eliminating fear of national service. The May bill should now be supported, and with it should go the demand for a job guarantee. In taking a positive stand on the May bill, labor has an opportunity to win the needed protection as well as to beat the open-shoppers.

As for the pressing manpower problems, we again draw attention to the proposal of CIO President Philip Murray that labor, industry, agriculture and government representatives be called together by War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes to agree upon practical measures.

HACKING THROUGH



— To Tell the Truth —

Foreseen and Predicted

by Robert Minor —

THOSE people are entirely mistaken who, when they look upon the military action on the Russian-German front, are overwhelmed by the grandeur of it and stand agasp, saying that so colossal a thing was "unforeseeable" and that its outcome is now "unpredictable."

The magnitude and the irresistible power of the Russian action were fully foreseen and planned. What's happening now was carefully weighed and put into a written contract between the great democratic na-



tions more than three years ago. What was required for the job was known and so carefully prescribed that our part of the mechanical equipment for it was listed in detail in the lend-lease operation.

What the above expressions really mean is that although the present gigantic action was fully foreseen, nevertheless some people, especially in the journalistic field, did not entirely grasp the fact that the contract was going to be carried out in full. And now, from day to day, their chronic skepticism is manifest. Some of them find it possible to believe in the reality of each day's deeds only after these deeds are done; whereupon they go to bed completely disbelieving in the next day's deeds, perhaps repeating to themselves the old German adage, "Man soll den Tag nicht vor dem Abend loben," which means in English that one must not praise the day until the evening has come. That may be true of the weather, but it is not true of the war we are dealing with.

LIVING in a fog of skepticism in regard to the greatest realities of our time does not help us to contribute our share to the consummation of the tasks. Fortunately the leaders who are at the head of our government and of our military and naval estab-

lishments understand the matter. Nothing is mysterious about it except in the subjective minds of the skeptics.

Intelligent, patriotic American journalism ought now to be devoted to explaining and not mystifying about the military events we are fortunate enough to witness in our lifetime, the most gigantic and the most salutary that men have ever seen. Editors who want to be worthy of their heroic age ought now to be showing their readers that what the Russians are doing, and the colossal scale on which they are doing it, is exactly what the Russians said they would do when they asked us to make the second front behind the Nazis, with the help of which to crush them. We are planning for our nation a great system of universal military literacy, so that never again will our democracy have to face a monopoly of military science in the hands of beasts trying to destroy it. What better way to begin than by telling the truth now about these enormous events before our eyes?

The Russians said they would take the advantage of the second front to move in incomparable strength across the Polish plains and rivers and through eastern Germany to Berlin, and would crack the backbone of the Nazi power. Our Americans and our British and French and Canadian allies will be able to do the same in the west. The Nazi power will be blasted out of the world, and the Hitlers and Goerings and Goebbelss and Himmlers will be hanged or otherwise put an end to by us, except insofar as some of them may beat us to the ex-

ecution of themselves. All of Europe will be liberated, and peace will be made, and it will be a democratic peace, and it will last because it will be democratic and there will be no power on earth that can successfully challenge it.

THINKING that the outcome is in a fog, just as Hitler says it is, leads timid-minded people into inventions of alternative measures to take the place of our part of the great military action with the violence of war. For instance, some journalists have begun to wonder how the things they see could possibly be true, and to suggest that if we offer "hope" to the Germans this will serve as a substitute for the ruthless march of military force. But, on examination, any "hope" that can be offered to Nazi Germany is only such as provided by the special writers of the press of Messrs. Dewart, Howard, Hearst, et al, that the German Nazi machine may yet survive if only they hold out. It is hope of an American and British panic and abandonment of our part of the great military action that is rolling on to Berlin.

All such hope must be crushed by force, and it will be. The armed forces of Nazi Germany must have the still fuller measure of naked war applied to them, and war is fear. They will surrender when they know not only that the contract of war will be carried out as foreseen and predicted, but that we Americans also know that it is going to be carried out.

On to Berlin!

— Worth Repeating —

THE BATTLE AGAINST POLIO, as carried on by North Carolina's town of Hickory, with the help of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, is told fervidly by Carol Hughes in the current (February) Coronet, in which she concludes: The full cost of Hickory's polio epidemic may never be known. The brave little city has taken a terrific financial beating without once regretting it. And the amazing fact remains that while the epidemic raged in full fury, the town of Hickory had only six cases of infantile paralysis within its limits—fewer than any other stricken area in the state. Yet it constructed a hospital open to all races and creeds, and willingly took on itself the stigma of being known as "Polio City." By that very sacrifice, Hickory became a great city—for all time.

Change the World

IT'S three weeks now since Lord Alfred Douglas wrote his "deathbed" letter to Winston Churchill.

Lord Alfred had just "taken extreme unction," he saw with all the solemnity of a man about to step off into eternity, he demanded that England support the Polish fascist "government" in London, decline to recognize the people's government at Lublin.

Lord Alfred, now 74 years old, had a strange past. If you recall your Frank Harris and other literary historians, this was the nasty little man who 50 years ago landed Oscar Wilde in jail for homosexuality.

It was his father, the Marquis of Queensbury, who accused Wilde of corrupting the boy's morals. But Wilde's friends, including Frank Harris, always claimed it was young Douglas who had corrupted Wilde. Also, out of insane hatred for his half-minded domineering father, he had provoked Wilde into defying the old man to bring the fatal court action, they averred.

Anyway that is most ancient history—and pretty small, too. Yet it serves to illuminate the pseudo-religiosity of the "expiring" Lord. I would bet three sacks of Bull Durham



By Mike Gold

against one pack of stale Camels that my lord is still alive. I will wager a fruit pudding against a box of pansies that he is still bawling out his butlers and valets, and regularly putting away a stout invalid's lunch.

Such Tories never defend slavery, imperialism or fascism frankly. At least, not while a free people has to be bamboozled into permitting the fascist chains to be riveted on its limbs. Always, there is this puppet-show of death-bed piety, and super-nationalism and philanthropy.

Ah, how touching were once the sermons of our southern slaveowners! How they admired themselves for saving the poor African "pagans" and bringing them to America to work to be civilized, and to become Christians!

WE ARE hearing a lot of hypocritical talk in America, too, about "the rights of small nations" from people like Lord Alfred.

They uttered not the faintest rat-squeak of protest when bloody Hitler was destroying one nation after another. Indeed, they liked it, and tried hard like Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, to commit us to neutrality.

This so-called Polish government at London has had only typical fascist hatred for

Milord Alfred Cheers On the Polish Quislings

the Soviet Union. After receiving arms, uniforms, equipment for a Polish army, it raised a bad smell and treacherously got its army out of the Soviet Union when Stalingrad was threatened. It refused to help Russia. It refused to allow Russia to help Poland. It acted like a government of true quislings.

THE present advance by the Red Army against Berlin would not have been possible with this quisling crowd at its rear in Warsaw. Only a friendly people's government in Poland made the Soviet counter-offensive safe to attempt.

From now on we can expect a tide of crocodile tears and deathbed appeals like Lord Alfred's. The armies of freedom are closing in on Berlin, that arrogant capital of the world's reaction and anti-Semitism.

Have you noticed the shudders and waves of moral sensitivity that have spread through certain circles over that phrase, "unconditional surrender"? It makes them take to their beds, with the dying Lord Alfred.

And try to make you feel like a brutal, nasty person without a spark of mercy because you want to finish off the Nazi monsters who destroyed so many millions of innocent men, women and children in scientific slaughter houses all over Europe. Ignore the hypocrisy and piety of the monster's lawyers.

Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

Speech From
Greece

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

On Saturday night at 7:15, Leland Stowe was heard in a transcribed broadcast which originated in Greece.

It was one of the most moving, authentic and authoritative reports to come through the rigid censorship. It shattered like a hammer would to glass the malicious, vindictive statements Prime Minister Churchill uttered on Greece before the House of Commons.

If possible this transcript of Mr. Stowe's comments should be secured and printed in the next issue of *The Worker*. R. L.

(Ed. Note: We're trying to get this speech.)

A Literary Goon

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

K. Baird's characterization of Benjamin DeCasseres as "an evil man" is the most accurate and tersest pen-portrait of a native fascist I have read for a long time. Some reactionary writers and propagandists have an occasional lapse into decency and truthfulness, but Benjamin DeCasseres' column for an intelligent and informed person holds only an assemblage, often not even coherent, of lies, half lies and intellectual perversions.

Many Hearst columnists are clever poison-pen men, gifted with literary charm and persuasiveness. B. DeC. is a literary goon, black-jacking his mental victims with Fascist lies.

DAVID SYLVIAMO.

Wheeler's Poison

In Montana

Helena, Mont.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Out here Senator Wheeler continues to poison the atmosphere by making anti-Soviet insinuations. The Soviet offensive was pictured by him on a recent visit to this city (Jan. 20) as something for Americans to be afraid of; if the offensive had not gone on, he would have taken the other position and said the USSR meant to double-cross the Allies. Wheeler is a seditionist and it's to be hoped the patriotic forces out here will be strong enough to defeat him for good when he comes up for reelection. MIKE C.

A Paper Which Likes
The Jaekle Machine

Buffalo, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It's strange to see the Buffalo Evening News, which finds the smell of the Jaekle GOP machine sweet to its nostrils, becoming sanctimonious over the Wallace appointment. On Jan. 22 it calls President Roosevelt's act "a most sordid political transaction." The Buffalo News doesn't seem to know that Wallace has handled big enterprises for the Department of Agriculture, has a large business of his own and is a man of great capacity. It doesn't want to know, rather; for it prefers such machine bosses as Jaekle and his racial prejudice ideas.

DICK DODGE.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

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Let's Face It

IN HIS budget message to Congress a few weeks ago, the President informed that body that he intended to lay the groundwork for his postwar program for full employment now, while the war is still on.

This was a significant departure from his position in last year's messages, where the economic bill of rights, the foundation for the full employment program, was simply projected for the consideration of Congress.

The appointment of Henry Wallace as Secretary of Commerce is the President's first major step toward executing his intention.

Thus, the issue involved in the fight for Wallace's confirmation by the Senate is not one of personality. It is the issue raised in the President's congressional message: government responsibility for promoting prosperity and employment.

The struggle involves in a fundamental way the Administration's postwar domestic policy.

In a few weeks Congress will also be confronted with one of the key planks in the Administration's postwar foreign policy, the decisions of the Bretton Woods international monetary conference.

The congressional position regarding these decisions will determine, at least in the eyes of the other United Nations, the question as to whether the United States will or will not



by Max Gordon

collaborate with the rest of the world economically once the war is over. Sen. Robert A. Taft, a Republican spokesman, made it clear last summer that those who are leading the opposition to Bretton Woods are bent on a policy of naked imperialism. They oppose any economic arrangements which would limit the power of American finance capital to dominate the economies—and that means the politics—of other nations.

FAILURE to ratify Bretton Woods would therefore increase enormously the strain upon the United Nations coalition caused by fear of the power and the intentions of American finance capital. It would endanger the political unity of the nations fighting to destroy the Axis.

Thus, though the congressional session is only just beginning, we are already confronted with the most crucial issues the nation has ever had to face, issues that will affect the direction of the postwar world.

I am not sure this gigantic fact has yet been grasped by the labor movement. It still appears to be in the stage of recovering from the intense activities of the election campaign. It was caught napping once when Congress set up its permanent investigating committee. It cannot afford the luxury of gradual mobilization of its political strength in the face of the historic issues already gripping the country.

The 'I-Won't-Work' Boys On Another Rampage

by Celia Langer

State medicine is a system that operates to distribute medical care;

"Medical care cannot be distributed without the participation of physicians;

"Therefore a system of state medicine cannot operate without the participation of physicians."

THE logic is so simple that even the busiest doctor, who reads while he runs from patient to patient, can grasp it quickly. After two more exercises in simple logic comes the conclusion:

"Physicians may lawfully organize to refuse participation in systems of state medicine, which cannot operate without the participation of at least a majority of physicians;

"The AAPS is an organization of physicians who contract and agree not to participate in systems of state medicine;

"Therefore when a majority of the physicians of the nation become members of the AAPS, system of state medicine cannot be permitted."

The geometrical propositions of Euclid end with Q.E.D. The "logical" propositions of the AAPS end with "I-won't-work" if I don't like the method of distributing medical care.

This defiance of the needs of the people shows more than the "you-play-my-way"

blackmail tactics of the reactionary doctors.



Even the doctors who approved their condemnation of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill couldn't swallow that. The 75 percent rule has now been modified "to provide for the professional association of members with non-members who in principle support the general aims of the association." (Questions Most Frequently Asked About the AAPS.)

In their latest letter to doctors (undated) the "I-won't-work" boys appeal for members on the basis of the following logic:

Testimony of Maurras, French Traitor, Spotlights Pro-Nazi Activity in U.S.

By JOSEPH STAROBIN

I wonder whether Frederick C. Crawford, former head of the National Manufacturers Association and the well-known expert on France, is going to cable Paris on behalf of Charles Maurras, the old French royalist who has at last been brought to trial.

Mr. Crawford is head of the Thompson Products Inc. of Cleveland. He returned from France, you remember, at the turn of the year and made an elaborate defense for French collaborationists before the N. Y. State Chamber of Commerce on Jan. 4.

Day before yesterday, one of his soul-mates went on trial in Paris on charges of treason. He had not only spent a life-time trying to overthrow the Third Republic, but in his newspaper, *L'Action Française*, had revealed to the Gestapo where one of the Resistance groups was meeting.

"If I had to do it again, I would," said the 76-year-old monarchist, still carrying on the battle for Marie Antoinette. And he came to court with a Petain button in his lapel.

HIS FRIENDS

And what is it that unites Mr. Crawford with this relic of the past, who should have been tried and shot at least a generation ago? It is the hatred of what they call "Communism."

Mr. Crawford opined that the French Resistance movement comprised, "young people, Communists and ex-convicts. . . ." In his judgment, a collaborationist was a business-man in trouble with labor; and since Mr. Crawford is a well-known labor-hater, he found that the collaborationists of France were his friends.

M. Maurras reasoned quite the same way; he denounced French patriots to the enemy because they were "contaminated by Communism. . . ."

And both men are defiant. They make no apologies whatsoever. They think that all you have to do is to call a man a Communist and he is by that token less of a Frenchman or an American. . . . But in France, the decaying old Maurras is at last brought to book as a traitor. In our own country, Mr. Crawford's judgement is considered a matter of opinion, a case of bad taste. Just an "innocent abroad" was the verdict of the N. Y. Herald Tribune.

And therein lies my story. For on all sides, we hear this same prejudice expressed by all sorts of characters. And few pause to realize that the cancer of treason to America is growing up around us. In the very midst of a war with an enemy who proclaimed his mission as "anti-Communism," we have powerful men and newspapers, as-

sailing everything which displeases them as "Communism," echoing the enemy.

NAZI HOPES

And this is going on—at the very moment when the desperate leaders of Nazi Germany are straining every resource to secure a peace from the United Nations which will save them and their system.

The clamor about Communism rises in direct proportion to the crisis of Nazi Germany. The Hearst press specializes in this clamor. Catholic bishops in Canada adopt resolutions, friends of the reactionary Poles get a hearing in the land—all of them claiming to be defenders of the country against Communism.

And all of them defiant, exactly like the 76-year-old royalist with the Petain button in his lapel. It is the defiance of those men and forces who hate to see Nazi Germany defeated, those Americans who wanted Nazi Germany to win, who wanted to join with Nazi Germany in dominating the world, and were prepared to institute Nazism in this country to achieve that purpose.

At least the editors of *L'Action Française* were consistent from the very beginning; they have always hated the French republic and always despised French democracy. And when they say that French

patriots are contaminated by Communism, they mean not only the immortal French Communists of the Resistance, but democracy itself.

NOT SO FRANK

Our American counterparts of M. Charles Maurras are not yet so frank. They pose as average Americans, the George Spelvins. They pose as defenders of the republic. They even wave the flag. They would have us believe that only they represent western civilization.

Can we be complacent, and pass off the Crawfords, the Peglers and the Hearst within our midst as mere innocents? Can we let the currency of anti-Communism be legal tender, and allow this intellectual trading with the enemy to continue at the moment when the desperate leaders of Nazi Germany are looking to the United States for rescue, for a soft peace, for salvation?

If the FBI is scouring the country for three Nazi spies, why does it not notice the open espionage, the open sabotage which goes on every day and night on the press and the radio?

This is the moment for the final offensive on the field of battle. It is also the moment to silence and drive out of political life, every friend of M. Maurras. That, too, would be answering in advance the coming Nazi plea for a peace without victory.

Crowd Cheers 16 Argentine Patriots on Trial

The effective underground work of Patria Libre, the Free Fatherland movement, was publicly recognized for the first time in Argentina this week when sixteen of its leaders went on trial in La Plata.

One of these, the former Conservative Senator Antonio Santamarina, was cheered at the entrance to the courtroom by "a large number of leaders of the Conservative Party, including former government officials," Joseph Newman reported in yesterday's New York Herald Tribune.

Judge Julio A. Negri said the defendants were part of an "armed rebellion against the stability of constituted authorities" and admitted they had some possibility of success through support of military forces.

Of those on trial five were arrested on Dec. 10 in an unsuccessful attempt to seize an airplane and scatter leaflets against the GOU.

The trial has been referred to federal courts and eight defendants are free on bail.

Bolivian Patriot Speaks Here Tonight

Professor Jose Antonio Arze, head of the Bolivian Left Revolutionary Party (PIR) will make his first public appearance in the United States tonight (Friday).

Dr. Arze will speak on Nazi, fascist and Falangist influence in America and how it can be combated at a rally sponsored by the Council for Pan American Democracy in the Central Opera House, 205 E. 67 St., at 8:30 p. m.

Walker Renominated

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (UP)—The White House today sent to the Senate the nomination of Frank C. Walker for reappointment as Postmaster General.

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De Gaulle Wants French Military Forces Along Entire Rhine River

PARIS, Jan. 25 (UP)—Gen. Charles DeGaulle asserted at a press conference today that after Germany is defeated French troops must occupy the Rhine "from one end to the other."

Questioned about the forthcoming "Big Three" conference, He said France strongly desired to participate but had not been invited, although other countries were fully aware of France's wishes.

DeGaulle clearly defined the official French policy regarding the Rhineland, in these words:

"France does not want to finish this war without assurance that French forces will in the future be stationed the whole length of the Rhine. Geographically and historically the security of the whole of western Europe, and therewith of the whole civilized world, depends on permanent occupation of the Rhine line."

DeGaulle received nearly 250 French and foreign correspondents

in an ice-cold room. His office, like most other government offices, is not heated because of the shortage of coal.

Supplementing his broadcast of last week, DeGaulle warned that 1945 will be a very hard year for France and the French people. We have no illusions thereon.

"Recovery will be a long and hard process and cannot be pulled by a conjurer out of a hat."

The General said he would welcome an Anglo-French Alliance although there have been no negotiations thereon so far.

"That, however, has not prevented our waging war together for five years," he commented.

DeGaulle went a long way towards

extending the hand of friendship to Italy.

"We have a high regard for the Bonomi government, which has done much to bring Italy back into the war, and we consider its attitude hopeful for reaching cordial, even amicable, relations."

He added pointedly, however, that France flatly rejects Italian claims for special treatment of Italians in Tunisia.

Lecture Tomorrow On Lawyers in France

The New York City Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild will initiate a series of United Nations Bar meetings with a luncheon at the Town Hall Club, 123 W. 43 St., tomorrow (Saturday) at 1 p. m.

WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are 35c per line (6 words or a line—3 lines minimum).

DEADLINE: Daily at 12 Noon. For Sunday, Wednesday at 4 p. m.

Tonight—Manhattan

REVIEW OF THE WEEK. 8:45 p. m. Harold Collins will discuss the problems facing the coming conference of Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin, and related events of the week. Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Ave., cor. 16th St. 50c.

SPANISH SPEAKING READERS! Council for Pan American Democracy presents "The Rainbow" and "Leningrad Music Hall." Soviet films with Spanish sub-titles. Carmen de Revere and Fernando Vilches on stage. Speaker: Dr. Jose Antonio Arze. Central Opera House, 205 E. 67th St. 8:30 p. m. Adm. \$1.

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FORUM: "Can Reconstruction Provide 60 Million Jobs for America?" Led by Samuel Kantor, UE Organizer. Discussion. Flatbush Club CPA, 848 Flatbush Ave., Friday, Jan. 26th, 8:30 p. m. Adm. 30c.

Tomorrow—Manhattan

COME AND DANCE to the tune of an accordion led by Enge Menaker, well-known caller and square dance leader. Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Ave., cor. 16th St. 8:30 p. m. 75c.

"WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH GERMANY?" Max Gordon. Movie—The Crisis. Admission 25c. Czechoslovak Workers Hall, 347 E. 72nd St. 8:30 p. m. Ausp.: United Nations Club.

France Favors Syria, Lebanon Sovereignty

BEYROUTH, Jan. 22 (Delayed) (UP)—France relinquished her League of Nations mandate in Syria and Lebanon in order to grant the two states their full sovereignty, not to leave them for somebody else to take over, Paul Beynet, French delegate-general, said today in an interview. Delegate Beynet said, "France does not want exclusive rights for herself in this area, but it definitely not prepared to give up its position there only to have somebody else step in."

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Streetcar Sultan

Unofficial returns yesterday raised to at least nine the number of women Francis Van Wie, 58-year-old trolley car Casanova, has married since 1913. Telegrams to San Francisco newspapers from Francis Van Wie, Jr., 31, and his mother, Mrs. Clara Van Wie, Chicago, tentatively identified the diminutive ex-lion tamer as the Frank Van Wie she was married

to in 1913 and divorced two years later. Another Mrs. Van Wie, Mrs. Julianna Elizabeth Volorshin Simon Van Wie, reported from Inglewood, Cal., that she was getting a divorce from the carline Romeo, whom she claimed to have left in 1943. Van Wie disappeared Jan. 16.

According to latest statistics, Van Wie's wives, in addition to

those in Chicago and Inglewood, included Mabel, an artist's model, Mrs. Sadie Levin, Mrs. Martha Wheeler, Mrs. Louise Weller, Mrs. Josephine Bergman, Mrs. Evelyn Brown, and Mrs. LaCrosse Van Wie.

Sixteen men were killed last night when two Flying Fortresses collided in mid-air near Dyesburg, Tenn., officials of the Dyesburg Army Air Base announced yesterday. Four other members of the crews parachuted to safety.

The old St. George Methodist Church in Philadelphia was damaged yesterday in an eight-alarm fire that swept several buildings and forced eight families to flee in near-zero temperatures.

Three firemen were injured, one seriously, when a wall of an adjoining box factory collapsed.

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"We must draft a real program of support and cooperation in winning the war and the peace and in establishing postwar security for the profession and the general public.

"We must reject sternly the counsel of those who would dissuade us from supporting this war for our national existence, whether this counsel comes from false leaders among our own Negro people or from those who have no real interest in our just grievances but merely seek to use them for partisan purposes."

Dr. Donawa, formerly dean of Howard University's College of Dentistry was born in the British West Indies and educated at Howard University, Washington, D. C., and the Forsythe Dental School, Boston. He did graduate work at the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, Toronto. He was a dental officer with the Abraham Lincoln Battalion in Spain for 21 months.

Stilwell Heads U.S. Army Ground Forces

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (UPI)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson today announced appointment of Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, former commander of American forces in the China-Burma-India theater, as commander of U. S. Army ground forces.

Stilwell succeeds Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, recently named deputy commander of American forces in the European Theater of Operations. Lear is serving there in an administrative capacity.

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LOWDOWN

Of Pushes and Zips and Tami, Lee and Joseph

Nat Low

Somehow or other I feel two-ton Tami Mauriello should get a cut of the gate tonight. I'm referring to the gate of the Lee Oma-Joe Baksi fight at the Garden which may draw as much as \$75,000.

After all, both these gentlemen are main eventers today only because of the virtue of victories over the affable, if lately ineffectual, Bronx gangbuster. Before their victories over Tami both Oma and Baksi were little more than run of the mill club fighters. In fact, if we choose to become choosy, we could say Oma was not even that.

Incredulous as it may sound, Oma comes by his main event at the Garden with a record that shows he has suffered no less than 13 knockouts. And some of the men who put Lee to the canvas for a minimum of ten seconds couldn't even lay a glove on me. And nobody has ever told me I'm a second Jim Corbett, or even a third or a fourth of a fifth Jim Corbett for that matter.

Anyway, to get back to Oma and Baksi and our friend Tami, we started to say that prior to Mauriello's demise as a top flight ring artist neither Lee nor Joseph could have gone more than a handful of rounds with him. Even after Tami started his downward flight, he was still able to stiffen Oma, although he had to huff and puff his way through eight sweating rounds before doing it.

As for Baksi, he is about the biggest man I've ever seen. Not in poundage but in size of muscles and stuff. Joe's chest is so immense it reminds me of those before-and-after ads in the body building magazines, Joe being the "after" picture, of course.

Baksi may be big and strong but he certainly isn't a fierce-some man in the ring. Like most men his size he pushes rather than punches and it takes an awful lot of pushing to win fights. However, Baksi is a determined gentleman and quite willing to push other people around if, of course, FM and those other people do not object.

The man can also take a lot of punishment. Even Joe Louis would have to do a lot of teeing off on that rock-solid boulder of a jaw Baksi has before he could bring him down. But Lee Oma is not Joe Louis—or didn't you know?—and will not come anywhere near flooring Baksi, let alone knocking him out.

Oma's plan of action will include much the same tactics that were so eminently successful against Tami. That is, he'll stroll languidly and nonchalantly around the ring with his hands at his sides until an opening presents itself. Then he will flicker his left into Baksi's not-under-sized proboscis, just like this—zzipp—see? If another opening presents itself again he will repeat the thing once more and, if he is lucky, will get away with it.

The only danger in this plan is that Baksi, who is Russian by the way and very very independent, may not like to be flicked in the nose like this—zzipp—and may become very very angry and when he becomes very very angry he becomes very very angry. Can't you just picture the results accruing from such a tense situation?

When all is said and done there should be an awful lot of pushing and zipping in the Garden ring this evening and because we've always felt three good pushes are more effective than two good zips we expect to see Baksi's hand raised in victory at the bout's end. (Come to think of it, that's silly, they don't raise hands anymore in the ring.)

But through it all I'll probably be harboring the evil thought that Tami could lick 'em both.

I'm the incurably cynical one, aren't I?

The Adventures of Richard

Cold, Cold, Who's Cold?

By Mike Singer

The morning of the Great Freeze Richard stuck his head out the window to look at the thermometer hanging next to the sill. "Shut the window," I howled through the gale in the room.

"It's zero," Richard said and then added, "too cold to go to school."

"Yeh, too cold for school," I sneered, "but you stick your head out of the window, hang out of the room in your pajamas and walk around in your bare feet. Close that window."

Just as Richard was closing the window he noticed Flekel directly across the street also checking with his thermometer which was nailed to the brick outside.

Up went our window again.

"Hey, Flek," Richard shouted, "what's your thermometer say?"

"I can't read it. It musta busted from the cold."

I could hear Mr. Flekel roar: "And I'll bust you if you don't close the window."

Mr. Flekel saw me and greeted through the open window, "hello."

I greeted back "hello."

"They bark at us yet," Flekel yelled across at Richard, "look at them with their small talk."

Both windows banged shut simultaneously.

A few seconds later we heard

No-Nose howling up through the wind. "Hey, Rich, c'mon down. And bring your ear muffs."

Up went our window again. "H'ya No-Nose," Richard called back.

"For crying out loud," I exploded, "do you have to go through that routine on the coldest day of the year?"

The window closed again. A minute later our door burst open and barged No-Nose, Menash and Fats—Fats had forgotten to close the door.

"You live in an igloo or something?" I screamed at Fats, "close that door!"

I heard him close the door only to hear No-Nose open the window and call out to Fritz: "Hey, Fritz, some cold, ain't it?"

I tore into my clothes and began to rush out of the apartment. No-Nose solicitously said: "Better put a scarf on, Mr. Singer."

That was too much. "You hunk of Eskimo, you" I managed to get out through blue lips, "It's warmer outside."

And it was.

THE ROUNDUP

It took Norman Skinner's last second foul shot to enable Columbia's courtmen to lick Princeton Wednesday, 38-37. The Lions had to come from behind after they were held to a mere six free throws until late in the first half. Skinner, second leading scorer in the met area, accounted for 15 points.

Sgt. Don Barksdale, 6-foot 5-inch Negro athlete on the Camp Ross basketball team, has registered 441 points in 21 basketball games this year.

The Berkeley, Cal., youth, who played for UCLA two years ago, has sunk 180 field goals and 81 free throws for an average of 21 points a game.

Camp Ross has won 16 of its 21 games, several of them against top-flight collegiate outfits in southern California.

Frankie Sinkwich, classified 4-F last summer, appears headed for the Army.

The Atlanta Constitution says Sinkwich, All-America at the University of Georgia, has been called for preinduction examination and that his draft papers had been forwarded from Athens, Ga., where he is registered, to Youngstown, Ohio.

The Memphis, Tenn., Naval Air Technical Training Center basketball team, which has amassed 1,725 points this season in an unbroken string of 23 victories, should take notice of this:

The girls' basketball team of the Henderson High School has won 100 consecutive games. The last game the local girls lost was to Louisburg College in 1938.

11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF—Road of Life
WOR—News; Talk; Music
WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman
WABC—Amanda—Sketch
WQXR—Alma Dettinger, News
11:15-WEAF—Rosemary—Sketch
WABC—Second Husband
11:30-WEAF—Star Playhouse
WOR—Quiz Wizard
WJZ—News; Music
WABC—Bright Horizon
WQXR—Concert Music
11:45-WEAF—David Harum
WOR—What's Your Idea?
WABC—Aunt Jenny's Stories
11:55-WOR—Lanny and Ginger, Songs

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—News Reports
WOR—News; Music
WJZ—Glamor Manor
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat
12:15-WEAF—Talk—Maggie McNeils
WABC—Big Sister
12:30-WEAF—United States Marine Band
WOR—News; the Answer Man
WJZ—News; Farm-Home Makers
WABC—Helen Trent
12:45-WABC—Our Gal Sunday
1:00-WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride
WOR—Jack Bundy's Album
WJZ—H. R. Baulkhouse, News
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful
1:15-WOR—Terry's House Party
WJZ—Women's Exchange Show
WABC—Ma Perkins
1:30-WOR—Lopez Orchestra
WABC—Bernadine Flynn, News
WMCA—Recorded Music
1:45-WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News
WOR—American Woman's Jury
WJZ—Galen Drake
WAEC—The Goldbergs

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—The Guiding Light
WOR—Cedric Foster, News
WJZ—John B. Kennedy, News
WABC—Joyce Jordan, M.D., News
WQXR—News; Concert Music
2:15-WEAF—Today's Children
WOR—Talk—Jane Cowell
WJZ—Galen Drake
WABC—Two on a Clue
2:30-WEAF—Woman in White
WOR—News; Detective Mysteries
WJZ—Ladies, Be Seated
WABC—Perry Mason
WQXR—Garrison Music
2:45-WEAF—Betty Crocker, Talk
WABC—Tena and Tim
3:00-WEAF—A Woman of America
WOR—Martha Deane Program
WJZ—Felix Knight, Tenor
WABC—Mary Marlin
3:15-WEAF—Ma Perkins
WJZ—Appointment With Life
WABC—The High Places
WMCA—Talk—Ethel Colby
3:30-WEAF—Pepper Young
WOR—Rambling With Gambling
WABC—Sing Along Club
3:45-WEAF—Right to Happiness
WJZ—Studio Music
4:00-WEAF—Backstage Wife—Sketch
WOR—News; Jay Johnson, Songs
WJZ—Westbrook Van Voorhis, News
WABC—House Party
4:15-WEAF—Stella Dallas—Sketch
WJZ—Correspondents Abroad
4:25-WABC—News Reports
4:30-WEAF—Lorenzo Jones
WOR—Food and Home Forum
WJZ—Talk—Chester Bowles
WABC—Feature Story
4:45-WEAF—Young Widder Brown
WJZ—Hoy Harrigan
WABC—Recorded Music
5:00-WEAF—When a Girl Marries
WOR—Uncle Don
WJZ—Terry and the Pirates
WMCA—News; Milt Greene, Songs
WABC—First in the Air
WQXR—News; Man About Town

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF—News Reports
WOR—Sydney Mosley, News
WJZ—Kiernan's News Corner
WABC—Quincy Howe, News
6:15-WEAF—Concert Music
WOR—Ramonas, Songs
WJZ—Ethel and Albert
WABC—Lyn Murray Orchestra
6:30-WOR—Fred Vandeverter, News
WJZ—News; Whose War?—Talk
WABC—Sally Moore, Songs
WMCA—Leon Pearson, Comments
6:45-WEAF—From Page Farrell
WOR—Adventures of Tom Mix
WJZ—Captain Midnight
WABC—Wilderness Road

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—Frank Munn, Tenor; Evelyn MacGregor, Contralto; Chorus
WOR—Gabriel Heatter, News
WJZ—Famous Jury Trials
WABC—It Pays to Be Ignorant
WQXR—Worldwide News
9:15-WOR—Real Stories
WQXR—Musical Memory Game
9:30-WEAF—People Are Funny
WOR—Double or Nothing—Quiz
WJZ—Spotlight Band
WABC—That Brewster Boy
WMCA—Quizdom Class
WQXR—Musical Festival
10:00-WEAF—Amos 'n' Andy
WJZ—Norman Gordon, Baritone
WABC—Jimmy Durante

Pop Shots and Dribbles

L'Afiaire Tanenbaum; Army Licks Tough 'Zone'

by Phil Gordon

There was still plenty of buzzing around NYU today over the famous l'affaire Sid Tanenbaum. In brief, this is what happened. Tanenbaum, a poor Brownsville boy, had just about run out of money for his NYU tuition. Frantic over his inability to meet the expenses of the coming term he decided to leave school, and informed Coach Howard Cann of his plans.

Almost simultaneously, however, two anonymous phone calls to New York sports writers informed them of Sid's financial plight and his plans to quit school. It naturally got into the headlines and a few hours later Sid received offers of jobs to help him through.

He accepted one of them and so is now back in school. But NYU officials, including coach Cann, did not like the manner in which the story got into the papers. Said Cann, "I'm sorry for Tanenbaum. I feel he was poorly advised. It's a serious thing when a student tries to make a case for himself through newspaper headlines."

Cann went on to say that NYU allows students extension upon application but Tanenbaum had not made such an application.

Distasteful as the thing may be to Cann and other NYU officials, and indiscreet as Tanenbaum's tactics may have been, the fact of the matter is that Tanenbaum was without financial means and I'm

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10:15-WQXR—Beatrice Mery, Soprano
10:30-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern
WJZ—The Doctors Talk It Over
WABC—Stage Door Canteen
10:45-WEAF—To Be Announced
WJZ—Letter to Your Service Man
WQXR—The Tale Teller
11:00-WEAF—News; Music
WJZ, WABC—News; Music
WMCA—News; Talks; Music
WQXR—News; Just Music
11:30-WEAF—We Came This Way—Drama
WABC—Mildred Bailey Show
12:00-WEAF, WABC—News; Music
WJZ, WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News Reports

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— Literary Lookout —

Modern Greek Poet Fought for Freedom

By Samuel Putnam

POEMS, by Joseph Eliyia. Translated from the Greek by Rae Dalven. Anatolia Press. \$3.00.

Joseph Eliyia was one of the best known and best loved poets of modern Greece, and the publication of this collection of his work in the admirable translation of Rae Dalven, made possible by a subscription on the part of the Greek Jews of New York City, is a touching tribute to his memory. It is at the same time something of a literary event, as Mr. Mark Van Doren, who encouraged the translator in the project, appears to have suspected.

Few of us realize, perhaps, that there is a most interesting literature in the modern Greek language, one that has already produced several writers of international stature. It is difficult for most of us to come at this body of writing, owing to the linguistic barrier, and we should, accordingly, avail ourselves of such an opportunity as this.

Eliyia, however, is of interest not merely as a Greek man of letters but as one who was at once profoundly Hebraic and profoundly Hellenistic and who saw his life task as that of reconciling the two great cultures of the ancient world that have so influenced the thinking and the destiny of western man. This led at times to sharp contradictions and painful conflicts, and when the poet was unable to resolve these in life, he turned to verse as an expression of his deepest longings and his highest hopes.

FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

His life, as his translator tells us in her excellent introduction, was above all an incessant struggle for freedom, and this lends particular poignancy to his poems at a time like the present when the entire Greek people are engaged in storming the heavens, as Karl Marx might have put it, that liberty may live in their peninsula.

Eliyia wanted freedom: freedom in the fullest sense of the word; freedom from the cramping confines of religious dogma (although he was by nature a deeply religious person); freedom from economic, social, and political oppression; free-

dom from the dictates of literary pundits—for he cast in his lot with that modern group of Greek writers who have espoused the "demotic" or vernacular speech in place of the fossilized and lifeless academic idiom.

It might, therefore, be said that his life was a war on three fronts, or rather, on many fronts; yet with it all he remained the most sensitive and delicate of artists, and this sensitiveness and delicacy Miss Dalven, obviously a capable poet in her own right, has captured with consummate skill.

"Several groups," she tells us, "have claimed Eliyia since his death. Communists in Greece claim him for his early revolutionary poems. Zionists claim him for his Palestinian fight. The Christian intellectuals claim him for his love of Christ. Eliyia belonged to no group and cannot be classified with any ideology. He . . . can be judged most accurately as a poet, which he loved to be called. He loved Greece more than a Greek and all his writings than a defense of the oppressed."

POETIC WISDOM

The volume has the poems in the original Greek and in English translation, on opposite pages. For those who have had classical Greek in school, this provides a fascinating and by no means too difficult exercise in becoming acquainted with the speech of present day Hellas. The poet's themes are sometimes Biblical or Hebraic, sometimes Christian or social, while at other times he speaks, simply, the age-old tongue that poets have always spoken: the language of love and nature, of sadness and longing and unfulfilled desire. His are, without a doubt, among the finest of modern love poems, marked by a dignity and stately beauty that are born of the two great cultures which he represents.

When, fourteen years ago, Joseph Eliyia died, prematurely and under tragic circumstances, at the age of twenty-nine, all Greece mourned his loss. In reading the present volume, it is easy to see why this was so. He belongs not to Greece alone nor to the Jewish people, but to all posterity, to all those that love a bold free spirit with the gift of song.

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Peter Alchinikov (above) plays the part of Lieut. Streletsov, ace of the Russian airforce in the new Soviet film *Moscow Skies* now in its second week at the Stanley Theater, 42 St. and Seventh Ave.

A Turkish Bath That Would Not Be Missed

GOOD NIGHT LADIES, a farce comedy in three acts, by Cyrus Wood, based on *Ladies Night*, by Avery Hopwood and Charlton Andrews. Staged by Edward Clarke Lilley; scenery designed and lighted by Frederick Fox; costumes by Billy Livingston; produced by Howard Lang and Al Rosen. At the Royale Theater.

If ever there was a complete waste of time, both on the part of the cast and the audience, this is it. Briefly, the play (save the word!) tells of the tribulations of a young woman-fearing professor, a roue-husband who takes him to a Beaux Art ball which is raided by the police. Both end up in a ladies' Turkish bath where the wife, the professor's predatory girl friend and other assorted lovelies, all undraped, are spending the evening. The cast strives hard, tip-toe fashion, to reach the level of low-brow farce, but with no success.

J. M.

Corwin Radio Play

Norman Corwin will present his adaptation of Vachel Lindsay's noted poem *The Daniel Jazz* on Columbia's *Invitation to Learning* Sunday, Jan. 28 (WABC, 11:30 a.m.). The *Daniel Jazz* is a fantasy in jazz motif based on the story of Daniel in the lion's den. Corwin will direct the production.

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'Masses' Symposium On Anti-Semitism

The current and subsequent issues of *New Masses* will contain contributions in a symposium on anti-Semitism from Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, Bishop Arthur Moulten, Bishop of Utah; Allan Wardwell, president of the New York State Bar Association; Zechariah Chafee, chairman of the Harvard Law School; Thomas Mann; Reps. Philip J. Philbin and Samuel Dickstein; Rev. Joseph F. Fletcher of the Episcopal Theological School of Cambridge, Mass.; Roscoe Dunjee, editor of the Negro weekly, *Black Dispatch* and many others.

Semitism, as part of the fight against the evil?

2) Should newspapers and periodicals with second class mailing privileges be exempt from such liabilities?

3) Do you think such legislation would be an infringement of freedom of speech?

4) Do you feel such legislation would benefit other minority groups as well as the American people as whole?

5) Do you believe that the United States as a leading member of the United States should take the initiative in securing action against anti-Semitism by the United Nations?

B'way Stars to Honor Heroes Invalided Out of the Army

Stars of the theater will pay tribute to the young heroes of the war at a luncheon on Monday, Jan. 29, at the Hotel Commodore, sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

Celeste Holm and David Brooks of *Bloomer Girl*; Hilda Simms of *Anna Lucasta*; Betty Garrett of *Laffing Room Only*, and Alfred Drake of *Sing Out, Sweet Land*, will introduce the young heroes.

The men to be honored were all wounded in action and invalided out of the Army after having served to the limit of their ability. They are Lt. Richard Kenny, retired, of the Air Force; former Staff Sgt. Bob Thompson, who holds the Distinguished Service Cross; former Sgt. Aaron Dechoretz, who lost an arm in the war, and former Pfc. Walter Mulligan. Harold Harper, merchant seaman who has been torpedoed six times and is still keeping 'em sailing, will also be honored.

Frank Gervasi, one of the editors of *Collier's*, and war correspondent, who has just returned from a tour of Italy, Spain, Africa and Greece, will make the principal address. Dorothy Parker will be another speaker. Louis Calhern, star of *Jacobowsky and the Colonel*, will be chairman of the luncheon.

Gervasi, who has covered the war

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Late Bulletins

Chinese Communist, Government Heads to Hold New Conference

CHUNGKING, Jan. 25 (UP).—A New Year's message will come this year. It is ardently desired by the United States.

Chungking regime was revealed today with the announcement that Communist leader Chou En-Lai had arrived here to attend a joint conference of Communist and Government leaders.

An agreement unifying Chungking and the Communists would strengthen materially China for the forthcoming offensive against the Japanese in China which Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek promised in a

Shaochow (Kukong), a Chinese communique revealed.

Shaochow is 32 miles southeast of Lokchong, which the Japanese also have captured, the communique announced.

Fleet, Planes Hammer Iwo

U.S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Jan. 25 (UP).—Pacific Fleet warships teamed up with America's heaviest bombers to pour tons of high explosives and shells into Iwo Jima on the road to Tokyo Tuesday, leaving air installations and shipping afire with flames shooting thousands of feet into the air.

Curb War Orders in Labor Shortage Areas

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (UP).—Chairman J. A. Krug of the War Production Board tonight clamped restrictions on the placing of Army and Navy contracts in regions where serious labor shortages exist and directed all future civilian and military construction in these areas submitted to WPB for approval.

See Big 3 Parley in Mid-February

LONDON, Jan. 25 (UP).—New and important developments, possibly connected with swift Soviet advances into Germany, may delay the meeting of the Allied Big Three until mid-February, diplomatic quarters said tonight.

There was growing belief that the meeting would be held on Soviet soil. It would be the first time President Roosevelt enters Marshal Joseph Stalin's homeland. The President may visit great Britain on the way back to the United States after the conference, informants said, and also visit Gen. Charles de Gaulle in Paris.

Red Army Seizes Gleiwitz, Zhukov 4 Miles From Poznan

(Continued from Page 1) by 300,000 of its population during the last three days, would be defended to the last.

Forty-seven miles northeast of Breslau, Konev's troops captured the Polish rail hub of Ostrow, which with captured Kalisz constituted the bases of a German salient in the Red Army's lines between Silesia and East Prussia.

The capture of Gleiwitz was an important victory in the Red Army's campaign to reduce the Silesian basin, Germany's second largest war production area. The city of 111,000

persons contains great iron ore and steel foundries, huge machine tool factories, and synthetic gasoline plants.

It is the westernmost of the great cities of Hindenburg, Beuthen, and Katowice. Four miles inside the German border it is little more than two miles from Hindenburg.

Its capture was announced by Marshal Joseph Stalin in one of two Orders of the Day for Thursday and as the Soviets drove into a highly-populous region with mile after mile of factories from the north and southeast, the mining town of Chrzanow also fell.

Seamen's Rally Scores Franco

Over 600 merchant seamen, waiting to ship out, held a political rally on their lunch hour yesterday to denounce the fascist Franco.

Later, at their National Maritime union membership meeting at Manhattan Center, they called upon the Government to sever all relations with Spain and they wholeheartedly endorsed the Coffee Resolution asking for such a break.

The noon rally, held in the NNU shipping hall, heard David McKelvey White, executive secretary of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, Ernestina Gonzales, editor of *Voice of Fighting Spain*, and Dr. Edward K. Barsky, former medical chief of the International Brigade and now na-

tional chairman of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

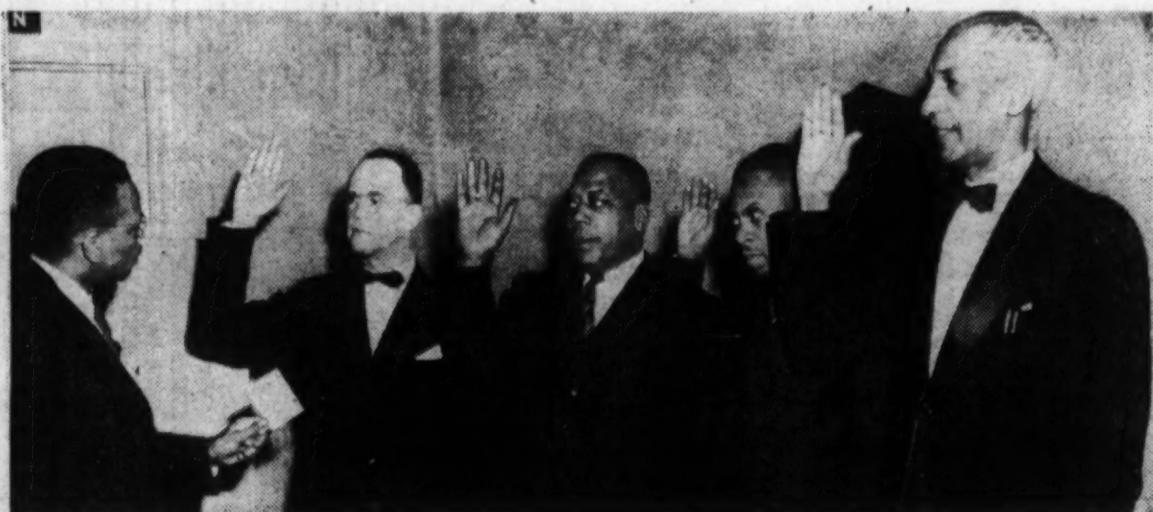
White pointed out that it's not to America's interests to have dealings with Franco. Franco is already contaminating the Western Hemisphere, particularly South America, he said, and is laying the basis for starting a third world war.

Both Mrs. Gonzales and Dr. Barsky stressed the important work of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee in aiding Spanish refugees. Barsky noted that between 50,000 and 70,000 are now in France, ready to play a big role in liberating Spain. "They need clothes and medical care," he said.

A spontaneous collection netted \$250 for the committee.

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Dr. Robert H. Thompson (left), Westfield, N. J., president-elect of the National Dental Association, installing new officers of the North Harlem Dental Society Wednesday night. Others in the photo, reading left from Dr. Thompson: Dr. Arnold Donawa, president; Dr. B. R. Bennett, secretary; Dr. S. A. Roman, vice-president; Cyril P. Absalom, treasurer; Dr. Thomas H. Walters, master of ceremonies. [Story on page 9.]

—Daily Worker photo

The Veteran Commander

HOUR STRIKES FOR WESTERN FRONT

THE British are attacking pretty energetically in the direction of Dusseldorf and the reported 10 miles inside Germany at Heinsdorf, a fortress of the Siegfried Line.

The Belgian bulge has been deflated to the shape of a narrow strip, and the Germans have lost a large amount of motorized equipment in their withdrawal under the incessant attacks of our air forces.

In Lorraine the French are waging local attacks in the Colmar pocket, and the danger to Strasbourg appears to have greatly diminished. The great hour of the Western Front appears to have struck.

MEANWHILE, Marshal Zhukov has won the great four-day tank battle between the Warta and the Prosna, and has captured Kalisz, thus straightening his central front and relieving Marshal Konev's right flank of the danger of counter-attacks from the north. In the center, the battle on the approaches to Poznan is still raging. With the fall of Kalisz, this battle may take the form of an enveloping maneuver by Zhukov from the south, along the Ostrów-Krotoszyn-Leszno line (in cooperation with Konev's right which is reported by the Germans to have reached Steinau on the Oder, due south of Leszno).

There is little doubt (although the Soviet communique did not say so yet) that Konev has crossed the Oder at a number of points along a

100-mile front between Steinau and Kosel (where the Beuthen-Dresden railroad crosses the Oder).

It is entirely probable that he will now move in the direction of the Sudeten to cut off all upper Silesia from the center of Germany, thus dealing the enemy not only a purely military blow but an economic one as well.

In East Prussia, most of the news comes from the Germans who claim Marshal Rokossovsky has reached the Baltic east of Elbing, and that a battle is raging in the outskirts of Königsberg.

Officially we know that the Elbing corridor has been narrowed to about 15 miles, and that Königsberg is being shelled by Soviet guns.

In the Mazurian pocket, Soviet troops have captured the powerful lake fortress of Lyck, and are crowding the Germans into the area around Rastenburg, which is being pounded by Soviet fliers.

The Germans are still attacking west of Budapest, thus betraying their panicky fear for the safety of their Alpine "lair." They appear to be putting more value on the Alps than on the whole north German plain.

(As this was being completed, Marshal Stalin announced that the Silesian industrial city of Gleiwitz had been captured. Thus the cities of Beuthen, Katowice and Sosnowiec have been cut off from the west).

American troops are on the outskirts of Clark Field on Luzon. Capture of this objective will be an event of great strategic importance in the entire Pacific campaign. It will mean Superforts on the doorstep of the China coast; it will mean that fighters will be able to escort our bombers over Formosa, Canton and Hainan.

Trucks are rolling along the Ledo-Burma Road. This also is a development of major strategic importance.

U. S. Red Cross Aids En Route to Lublin

MOSCOW, Jan. 25 (UP).—Elliot Shirk, director of the American Red Cross in Moscow, will leave shortly for Lublin, Poland, pursuant to an agreement with the provisional government there, to distribute almost \$45,000 worth of medical supplies in liberated Poland. Additional supplies will follow.

Shirk will be accompanied by his assistant, Donald Calleberry, but actual field work will be done by Johannes Bauer, an American employee of the Red Cross.

Mayor to Meet TWU Committee

Councilman Michael J. Quill, international president of the Transport Workers Union, announced yesterday that Mayor LaGuardia will meet Saturday noon with a committee of five from the New York local of the union to consider proposals on wages and working conditions for workers on city owned transit lines.

The Mayor yesterday afternoon discussed problems of the subway workers for more than an hour with Quill, local union president Douglas MacMahon and Saul Mills, secretary of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council.

On leaving City Hall, Quill said the Mayor agreed to meet the five-man committee, which will present a petition signed by 26,000 persons asking LaGuardia to step in with the aim of concluding negotiations between the union and city. The negotiations were broken off by Transportation Board Chairman John H. Delaney while important points of the union program, presented last June, remained unsettled.

The union is still seeking settlement of its demands for wage increases, swing-time pay, pension adjustments, sick leave and overtime pay.

